

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday January 7th, 2024

Silent Key - Pat Tuohy EI5FXB

We regret to announce the death of Pat Touhy EI5FXB who passed away peacefully in the care of the staff of Tipperary University Hospital on the 25th of December 2023. Pat who lived in Cahir, Co Tipperary, was a former member of the Tipperary Amateur radio Group. We extend our deepest sympathies to his loving wife Kathleen, daughter Patricia, sons James and Kieran, grandchildren, nephews, nieces, relatives, and his many friends. May he rest in peace.

IRTS Updates

The next IRTS Committee meeting, which will be a physical meeting, will take place on Saturday, January 27th at 11:00 a.m. sharp in the Creggan Court Hotel, N6 Centre, Athlone, Co Westmeath, Eircode N37 YW25. All IRTS affiliated clubs are reminded that under Rule 16.1, the members in each affiliated club, society, or other body, may elect a representative and an alternate annually to attend IRTS Committee meetings both physical and online. Clubs wishing to send a representative should notify the IRTS Secretary, Owen EI4GGB at [irts_secretary /at/ irts.ie](mailto:irts_secretary@irts.ie)

Well done to everyone that took part in the recent IRTS 80m Daytime Counties contest. Conditions were described as generally ok during the one-hour contest. If you have not yet submitted your contest log, please send it by email to [contestmanager /at/ irts.ie](mailto:contestmanager@irts.ie) on or before the deadline which is January 15th.

A Happy New Year to all from Collective Communication!

As the start of the 2024 season of activities and activations is now upon us, Collective Communication report that they are preparing the ground for another exciting year. Paddies Day, Mills on the Air, Castles on the Air, "SOS Week" which involves collecting charitable donations on behalf of the RNLI, as well as JOTA and a great many other activities are all being planned. They report that 24 events are already lined up for 2024 against the 19 they had in 2023. They will advise specific details closer to the time of each event and you are asked to please keep an eye open and an ear out for EI3CC.

Shannon Basin Radio Club SSB DX Nets Have Restarted

Shannon Basin Radio Club report that their popular 80m and 160m SSB DX nets have restarted for 2024. The next net will take place tomorrow night, Monday January 8th from 21:00 UTC on topband for approximately one hour. It is followed by the 80m net on Thursday nights at the same time. As always, the club callsign EI2SBC is used and will be

calling for DX in addition to all stations who wish to join. First timers on the band are especially welcome in addition to SWLs who can send their reports via text message to +353 86 3876699. Further information about the nets and the club itself may be found at www.sbrc.ie and via their social media channels.

Phoenix Amateur Radio Club Rally

The Phoenix Amateur Radio Club Rally takes place on Sunday February 11th, 2024. The venue will be Coolmine Community School, Clonsilla, Dublin 15, Eircode D15 FW97. Admission is five euro. The usual traders will be in attendance. If you wish to secure a table for the rally or require further information about the event, contact Tony EI7GI by phone at +353 87-2439997.

LEARC Radio Rally

The Lough Erne Amateur Radio Club s 40th rally will take place on Sunday 5th May 2024. The venue will be the Share Discovery Village located at 221 Lisnaskea Rd, Lisnaskea, Enniskillen BT92 0JZ. The usual traders will be in attendance including the IRTS, RSGB bookstall, QSL Bureau, IRTS, and a bring and buy. Food and drink are available at the rally, with lunch also being served. Doors will open at 11 a.m. Admission will be five euro or five pound which includes a ticket for the draw on the day.

Meteor Scatter Update

For meteor scatter enthusiasts or anyone interested in trying this mode for the first time, there are still a few days left to avail of the Quadrantids meteor shower. Using the 6m and/or 2m bands preferably, the digital mode MSK144 is typically used to attempt QSOs by refracting signals via ionised meteor trails. Although the peak of the shower has just passed, you might like to try your luck during the nights and early mornings up until January 12th.

Items for Inclusion in Next Week's Radio News

That is the news for this week. Items for inclusion in next week's radio news can be submitted by email to [newsteam /at/ irts.ie](mailto:newsteam@irts.ie) for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. The deadline is midnight on Thursday.

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